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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicants' Response to Final Office Action, received 18 August 2008, is acknowledged, but will not be entered because the amendment of claim 13 raises a new issue necessitating a new consideration and search.

Specifically, claim 13 as proposed amended, would change the amendment from reading "a mycobacterial serine/threonine protein kinase inhibitor G" to "a mycobacterial serine/threonine protein kinase G (PknG) inhibitor". Thus, the claim would be drawn to an inhibitor of a specific protein kinase.

Dependent claim 14 is drawn to a composition comprising ≥ 1 inhibitor of a mycobacterial serine/threonine protein kinase according to Claim 3. Thus, claim 14 improperly broadens the scope of the claim from the particular PknG of independent claim 13 to all protein kinases.

Dependent claim 15 likewise improperly broadens the scope of the claim from the particular PknG of independent claim 13 to all protein kinases.

Conclusion

2. The amendment will not be entered. Claims 13-15 remain rejected.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Rodney P. Swartz, Ph.D., Art Unit 1645, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0865. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM EST. Thursday is the examiner's work at home day.

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